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Iran halts crude exports to Western consortium

TEHRAN, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Iran's new government Wednesday said it would discontinue the marketing of its oil exports through an international consortium.

Hassan Nazari, new chairman of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) said, "the word consortium will, with the help of God, be eliminated from Iran's vocabulary."

He said that in the future

NIOC would only deal with international oil companies on an individual basis.

Under the Shah, the British-led consortium marketed 80 per cent of the 5.4 million barrels of oil Iran exported daily.

British Petroleum held a 40 per cent share of the consortium followed by Exxon with 35 per cent. Other members included Dutch Shell, French Petroleum, and a group of

medium-sized American companies.

Nazari had announced Tuesday that Iran would resume exporting oil — for the first time since Dec. 26 — on March 5. He said the new daily level of Iran's production would be announced after the first tanker is loaded with crude at the Kharg Island terminal on the Gulf Monday.

There has been speculation that Iran's new government, in an attempt to conserve its oil reserves, would keep future exports under three million barrels a day, or about half the old amount.

Oil industry sources have estimated that the cut-off of Iranian oil has cost the country \$7.2 billion in lost pay

ments.

In London, meanwhile, there was no official reaction from the offices of the companies which made up the consortium.

Oil industry sources said however, that several large British oil companies have begun to ration supplies of petroleum products to dealers.

And the companies were said to be studying plans for drastic cuts in oil consumption as a result of the Iranian announcement.

Iran said Tuesday that in the future it will sell oil at spot market prices, which have ranged up to \$20 a barrel in recent weeks.

In Kuwait, meanwhile, the daily newspaper "Al-Rai Al-Aam" said that country has raised its daily oil production from two million barrels a day to 2.5 million.

The newspaper, quoting oil ministry sources, said the increase was made to meet the needs of nations affected by the shortage caused by the Iranian situation.

There was no official confirmation of the report.

And in Mexico City, an official of Pemex, the national oil company, said Mexico has no plans to raise its crude prices to match higher prices announced by Venezuela, Libya, and Kuwait Wednesday.

The pro-Moscow party, voted in a politically aligned, unitary, party, reportedly indicated a struggle appeared inevitable.

"No one hands out rights," Iran's "Kayhan International" quoted the article Wednesday. "People must fight for them, even if it means death."

The Tudeh Party was banned by law during the 37-year

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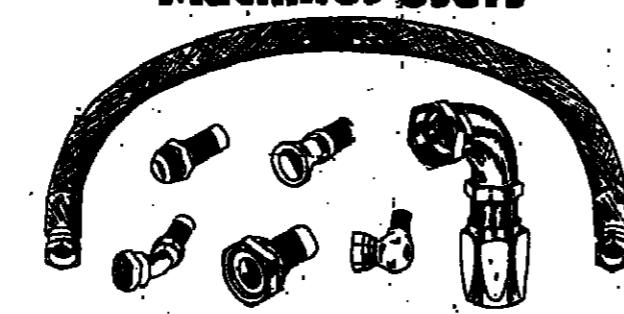
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SCHOLARS: King Khaled honors Muslim scholars Wednesday. (SPA)

King honors scholars

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — King Khaled Wednesday attended the function held by the Secretariat of King Faisal International Award and handed prizes to the laureates at the Intercontinental Hotel here.

The King Faisal International Prize for the Service of Islam was awarded to Sheikh Abu Aala Al-Mawdudi of Pakistan and the King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies was awarded to Dr. Fuad Sizkin of Turkey. The King Faisal International Prize for Arab Literature was not awarded to anyone as the works submitted for the competition were not of a sufficiently high standard.

King Khaled handed the first prize to Sheikh Khalil Ahmad Al-Hamdi and one of the sons of Sheikh Mawdudi as the recipient could not attend personally because of ill health.

The King gave the prize for Islamic studies to Dr. Sizkin who, offered the King a copy of his book. King Khaled then ordered that the book be translated into Arabic. At the personal expense.

In his opening address, Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, director general of the King Faisal Research Foundation of an exiled Shah, but continued to operate underground.

In the meantime, Ayatollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of Iran's revolution, exhorted Muslim faithful Wednesday to purge remaining foreign influence from Iran and called for unity among the nation's political factions.

There was no official confirmation of the report.

And in Mexico City, an official of Pemex, the national oil company, said Mexico has no plans to raise its crude prices to match higher prices announced by Venezuela, Libya, and Kuwait Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia and Iraq have said they will not raise oil prices pending a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Geneva March 26.

In Washington the Carter Administration said Tuesday that it expects the price of a gallon of gasoline to go up about 10 cents a gallon in recent weeks.

The forecast was made as the administration proposed energy conservation legislation that includes a standby gasoline rationing plan.

AMMAN, Feb. 28 (AP) — A Palestinian delegation led by Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization, met Wednesday with King Hussein.

An official statement said the two sides reviewed recent events in the region and ways of resuming cooperation and establishing better understanding between Jordan and the PLO.

The PLO delegation arrived in Amman Tuesday at the invitation of Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, it said.

The two sides agreed on a reconciliation at the Arab summit meeting in Baghdad last November.

The statement said the two sides also discussed the future visit to Jordan by PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

It was Kaddoumi's first visit to Jordan since 1971 when Palestinian commandos were pushed out of their positions in Jordan after fighting between them and the Jordanian army.

Kaddoumi and Ibrahim held talks Tuesday. They were described by the PLO's official spokesman Abdel-Mohsen Abu Maizar as "brotherly and cordial."

Kaddoumi has just concluded a tour of several European countries.

Abu Maizar said the Jordanian and PLO delegations briefed each other on their concepts regarding political action at international and Arab level in the light of the Palestine last month.

The general belief here was that the talks were a resumption of the dialogue on rapprochement which began two years ago. But spokesman for both sides said they had nothing to do with the dialogue and had merely related to joint political action.

Riad said he hoped the two Yemenis would respond to appeals by Arab countries for a ceasefire before the session.

Earlier the ruler of Kuwait

Two ADF men wounded

Shelling kills four in east Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 28 (R) — A woman and her son were killed and three other family members wounded as shelling resumed at dawn Wednesday in the east Beirut suburb of Ras Dekwaneh, the right-wing Phalangist radio reported.

Lebanese military sources said an army lieutenant and his wife were killed when their car was hit by a shell when the artillery bombardment of the district began Tuesday night.

Two Syrian soldiers serving with the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) were also reported wounded and a number of houses and cars destroyed.

The ADF and Lebanese right-wing militias blamed each other Tuesday night for opening fire in the eastern suburb.

The rightists said Syrian troops serving with the ADF opened sporadic artillery fire for about two hours Tuesday in the district, killing one man in his car and wounding eight others, including a Lebanese army lieutenant. Five houses and 12 cars were also destroyed.

The rightists denied having stalled the peacekeepers, adding that they were abiding by a U.N. ceasefire call made several months ago.

Meanwhile an advance unit of around 75 Dutch soldiers attached to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) Wednesday took over positions in South Lebanon near Haris village controlled by French

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Khaled, Arafat hold talks

Army leave canceled; League meeting set



TALKS: King Khaled meets the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat who arrived in Riyadh Wednesday for talks. (SPA)

Officials said Arafat told Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah conferred Wednesday with Yasser Arafat, who arrived Tuesday night from Damascus.

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Tribesmen mobilize

By a staff reporter

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 — North Yemeni tribesmen have been mobilized to help the country's armed forces beat back invading South Yemeni forces, travelers from North Yemen said.

The travelers, who declined to be identified, told "Arab News" that the tribesmen are acting under the leadership of Sheikh Abdullah ibn Hussein Al-Ahmar, paramount chief of the Hashed tribal confederation — the nation's largest tribal group.

The sources said Sheikh Al-Ahmar is commanding several hundred thousand tribesmen, about 200,000 of whom are seasoned veterans of the Yemeni civil war of 1962-1968.

Most of the tribesmen are armed with light weapons, but some are carrying armor-piercing missiles and portable rockets, the travelers added.

They said Sheikh Al-Ahmar has left his mountain stronghold in Khawar, north of San'a, and is en route to the border, where the fighting is heaviest.

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Khalil excluded

Begin to see Carter

TEL AVIV, Feb. 28 (Agencies) — Israel's cabinet Wednesday authorized Prime Minister Menachem Begin to meet President Jimmy Carter in Washington and Begin said he had "no intention" of seeing Egyptian Prime Minister Muammar Khalil.

Khalil stressed that "we achieved a great deal" during four and one-half days of negotiations at Camp David last week.

Khalil, who has been given full authority by Sadat to handle the peace negotiations with Israel met for nearly two hours with Sadat, Vice-President Hosni Mubarak and Egyptian negotiator Osama Al-Baz at Sadat's seaside villa in Alexandria.

He refused to say if Sadat would agree to join the forthcoming talks between Carter and Begin. But he would go himself if invited.

Khalil rejected the criticism of Israeli leaders who claimed Cairo had stiffened its stance.

"We have presented nothing that is contrary to the Camp David accords" worked out last September, when Carter called Begin and Sadat to his Marymount mountain retreat, he said.

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Arab council decides**Experts to draft investment code**

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Finance ministers of Arab League member states Wednesday wound up their three-day meeting here with a proposal for Arab experts to draft a unified treaty for investment in Arab states.

The resolution was one of 14 issued by the Arab League Council for Arab Economic Unity at the close of its 26th session Wednesday morning. It followed recommendations from the council's secretariat for a treaty providing a legal framework for Arab investment in other Arab countries.

The council also called on members to submit proposals to the secretariat for the preparation of a second treaty as a move to increase the minimum trade between Arab countries.

Inter-Arab trade accounts for only two per cent of the Arab world's imports. Saudi Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil said at the opening of the council session.

A major area of Arab dependence on non-Arab suppliers is food, but the council

resolved that the issue — and the whole question of "Arab food security" — be shelved until after an emergency discussion at the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development meeting in Baghdad in the autumn.

The council also appealed to members to join the Arab League committee which regulates tariffs and customs duties.

The council hailed the signing by 14 Arab countries of an agreement to found the Arab Fisheries Company in Jeddah, with capital of SR70 million.

The ministers also resolved to open a new account to increase studies, programs, research and other activities of the council's General Administration for Economic Affairs.

But the council recommended to postpone discussion on the feasibility of instituting an Arab bank for housing. Instead, it asked the Arab League to allocate \$37,500 to meet expenses so far incurred in the preparation of a study on the proposed bank.

The council resolved that the Arab Fund for Technical Aid extending aid to Arab states continue its present policy of purchases of petroleum.

Other resolutions included:

—Referring the proposed Arab-Portuguese Chamber of Commerce to the Arab League's next session.

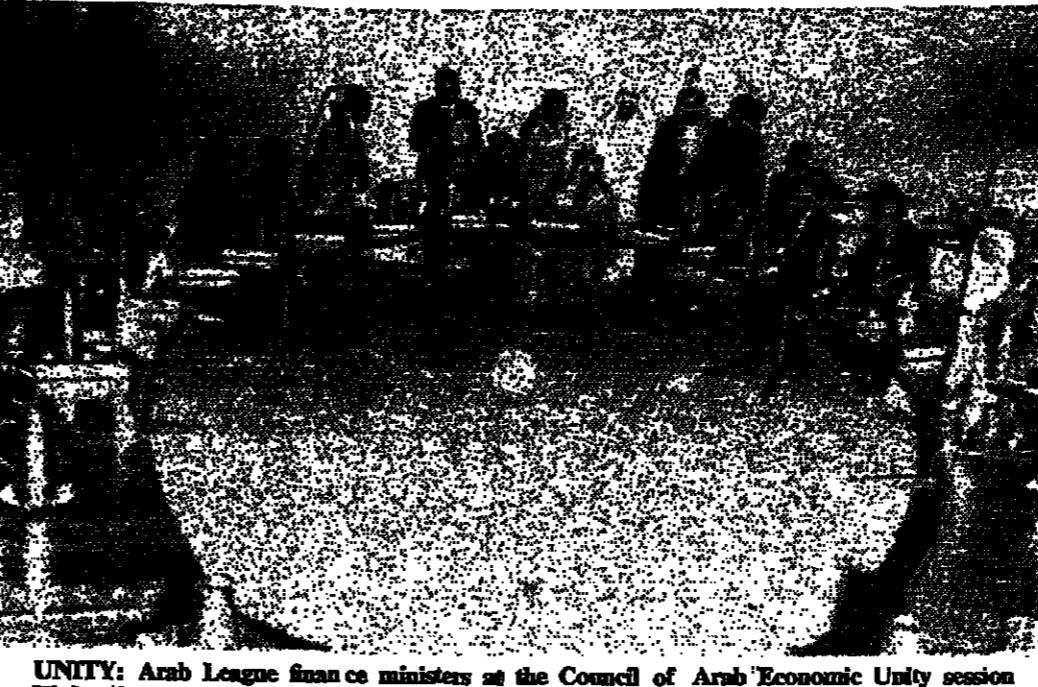
—An appeal to members to ratify a draft agreement for mutual tax exemption for Arab labor, equipment and aviation supplies.

—Invitations to experts from the West Asian Economic Committee, the Federation of Arab Research Councils and member countries to study an Arab center for technology.

—A call to Arab states to encourage purchase of Arab olive oil and olives.

—Referring proposals for joint Arab ventures in the manufacture of weaving equipment to the Arab Industrial Investment Corporation for study.

—And a call to members to grant the privileges and preferences granted local state companies to the proposed Arab Maritime Corporation.



UNITY: Arab League finance ministers at the Council of Arab Economic Unity session Wednesday morning in Riyadh.

Kingdomwide**New TV units to go into service**

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — The Ministry of Information is to commission a number of new television stations shortly, Abdul Mohsen Al-Suweid, assistant deputy minister of information, said Wednesday.

Jizan television, which will be taken over in 10 days, will also have a small mobile broadcasting unit.

Television stations have been set up in Shaqra, Dawadmi, Afif, Hofuf and Kharj at a cost of nearly SR11 million.

Mobile television stations were being set up in Khomasin, Yanbu and Zulfi. The mobile station in Jawf has been brought into experimental service. The Ghafir region will also be covered by television relays, Suweid said.

The radio station in Duba came into operation last December to cover the north-western regions of the Kingdom, Egypt, and some parts of North Africa. The Qurayat station went into service last Thursday to serve the northern

Quiz judges to meet

RIYADH, Feb. 28 — The supervisory committee for the Tishma quiz will meet Friday evening under Abdul Rahman Al-Othman, director general of women's education in the Western Province. The results will be announced in the local press at a date to be decided by the committee.

region and Arab states to the north.

Suweid said the radio station in Qasim was commissioned last Thursday to relay religious programs.

The Abha radio station building has been completed and equipment and power generators are now being installed.

The service will begin within the next two months, he said.

Oil-price freeze gets praise from Dacca president

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — President Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh has described Saudi Arabia's resolve to maintain oil price levels as a "wise decision."

"Okaz" newspaper Wednesday quoted the Bangladeshi president as saying that the Kingdom's decision to maintain prices at the levels agreed at the Abu Dhabi OPEC meeting in December showed understanding of oil's significance to a stable world economy and to the economies of poor countries.

The Bangladeshi leader arrived in the Kingdom Tuesday on a private visit.

IDB head to fly to Kampala

JEDDAH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — The president of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, will leave for Kampala Sunday to make preparations for the third conference of the bank's board of governors there on March 13. Dr. Ali will also attend meetings of the governors of central banks in the Muslim world on March 16.

SAPTCO to float shares in days

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri presided over a meeting of the board of the new Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) here Wednesday. The minister said the board discussed the invitation of public share subscriptions in the next few days.

Akhdar sees Indonesian envoy

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Secretary General of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu Dr. Farouk Akhdar met with Djamaran Adjam, Indonesian ambassador to the Kingdom Wednesday.

Jiluwi meets W. Australia aide

DAMMAM, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsin ibn Jiluwi received visiting West Australian Minister of Development, Fuel, Mines and Resources Andrew Mensar here Wednesday. The Minister and his party were honored at dinner by the Dammam Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

Kingdom to go to Arab labor talks

RIYADH, Feb. 28 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia will take part in the seventh session of the general conference of the Arab Labor Organization in Khartoum March 4 through 13. The conference will discuss raising manpower standards in the Arab world. The Saudi delegation, to be composed of ministry officials and a representative of the private sector, will be headed by Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, minister of labor and social affairs.

Dammam oil service plant opens

RIYADH, Feb. 28 — Oil Field Chemicals Company (Saudi Arabia) Ltd., a joint venture of Fasochem Belgium and Ahmad H. Al-Gosaibi & Bros., has announced that its oil field chemicals plant at the Dammam Industrial Estate is now in production to serve the oil industry.

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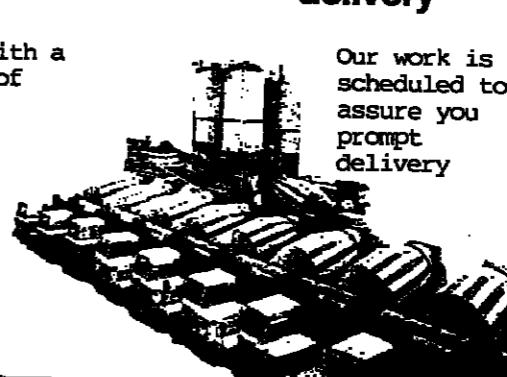
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Chad ceasefire shows signs of breaking down

NDJAMENA, Chad, Feb. 28 (R) — The French embassy urged the few remaining French families in Chad to leave the country as a fragile ceasefire in the civil war shows signs of breaking down.

Paris announced Tuesday it proposed to help to set up a round-table conference of all sides in the Chad conflict.

In Elysee Palace communiqué Tuesday night: "France is ready to help to swiftly

ing about a round-table conference, open to all factions, with no exception, where their leaders are in Chad abroad."

The communiqué said that meeting would be held in N'Djamena.

It added that neighboring delegations and that Fran-

ce would guarantee the safety of all participants.

Tension in N'Djamena is rising following reports of bloody fighting in the central region of the country between supporters of President Felix Malloum and rebel Prime Minister Hissene Habré.

Witness reports said at least 1,000 people had died in clashes which erupted between the two factions 10 days ago.

But there has been no major fighting in the capital since the ceasefire was arranged 12 days ago, after a week of fierce clashes between the forces of Malloum and Habré in which some 500 people died.

There was sporadic shooting in the capital Monday, and the streets of N'Djamena were deserted Tuesday. Banks and shops closed and foreigners were fleeing in the hundreds.

According to the eyewitnesses, the fighting in the central province was followed by summary executions of Sara tribesmen who are loyal to the pre-

dictator. Thousands of Saras began moving out of the capital Monday after an anonymous warning that they should leave N'Djamena where Habré's forces staged a coup attempt two weeks ago.

The fighting in N'Djamena and central Chad followed the coup attempt. Prior to that the government had been fighting a prolonged war with Libyan-backed rebels in the north of the country.

Meanwhile, official sources said in N'Djamena that representatives of the various warring factions had been invited to a meeting in Kano, Nigeria, under the auspices of a conciliation commission of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

An Organization of African Unity conciliation commission was set up at the Khartoum meeting of African heads of state last year to settle a dispute between Chad and Libya, which has been occupying a strip of Chad territory since 1972.



ROYAL WELCOME: King Tupou IV (left) of Tonga in the South Pacific was met at Tripoli Airport Sunday by Libyan Prime Minister Abdul Salam Jalloud.

ATO leader gets cash for Turkey

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28

— Gen. Alexander Haig, DOD's supreme commander Europe, said Tuesday Turkey's economic troubles didn't affect all other problems in the country and the country badly

needed to the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. Gen. Haig

said the general, who is to retire

his post on June 30, said

the Turkish government

would overhaul its economy after receiving international assistance.

Gen. Haig said Turkey's problem

is additional U.S. influence and leadership in the ahead.

Martial law unbiased, Turkish general says

ANKARA, Feb. 28 (R) — Turkey's top military commander has rejected right-wing claims that the government was interfering in the implementation of martial law.

Chief of Staff Gen. Kenan Evren said there was no interference from any quarter in the functions of the six military commanders responsible for the 13 provinces under martial law.

In a long statement seen as a show of support for the Social Democrat government of Premier Bulent Ecevit, Gen. Evren rebuked the right-wing press for their allegations that martial law was being enacted less harshly on left-wing suspects than on rightists.

Gen. Evren disclosed that the military courts in the provinces now under martial law

had 5,139 cases before them.

This constituted an adequate answer to claims that martial law had not been effective within the first two months, he said.

The main opposition right-wing Justice Party of former Premier Suleyman Demirel last week voted against an extension of martial law, saying Ecevit had "watered it down" with civilian interference.

Parliament, however, passed a two-month extension of the law at the request of Ecevit's government.

Ecevit initially imposed martial law last Dec. 26 for the maximum period of two months, under Turkish law, after three days of bloody rioting in the south which left more than 100 people dead.

MUSCAT, Feb. 28 (R) — Queen Elizabeth arrived Wednesday in Oman, which shares an uneasy frontier with South Yemen, on the last call of her 19-day Middle East tour.

The present clashes between North and South Yemen and the fall of the Shah is causing concern in Oman, and will be major topics in talks here between officials and Minister of State and Foreign Office Frank Judd, who is now with the Queen as minister-in-attendance after Foreign Minister David Owen's return to London.

Washington slices aid to Afghans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — President Jimmy Carter is cutting economic aid to Afghanistan from \$15 million to \$3 million this year following the killing of U.S. Ambassador Adolph Dubs, a State Department official has announced.

Joseph Wheeler, administrator for Near East aid, said Tuesday that 1980 aid to Afghanistan would also be cut, from \$17 million dollars to \$5 million.

He said the decision was taken because of concern over relations with Afghanistan following the death of Dubs on Feb. 14.

Dubs was kidnapped by four unidentified guerrillas later killed in a gun battle between the kidnappers and Afghan police. The United States issued a strong protest to Afghanistan and to the Soviet Union over the killing, saying its urgent plea that officials try to negotiate for Dubs' release were ignored.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Ambassador Dubs reinforce our concerns, Wheeler told the House of Representatives Asian Subcommittee.

On last stop of tour

Queen Elizabeth's yacht sails into Muscat

The Shah sent some 3,500 troops to Oman to help quell rebellions in Dhofar province, bordering South Yemen, between 1970 and 1975.

Most troops were withdrawn before the Shah fell, but the end of Iran's role as "police-man" of the Gulf area is making Oman very nervous.

Sultan Qaboos Bin Said has

denied reports from Cairo that 500 Egyptian troops have been sent here to counter any danger of renewed insurgency.

Western diplomats in Muscat said they had seen no evidence of Egyptian troops and added that Dhofar was quiet.

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Bombing refugee camp**Rhodesian jets killed 192, Angola says**

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Agencies) - Angolan authorities said Wednesday Rhodesian bombers killed 192 people and injured 517 in a raid on a black refugee camp deep inside Angola, the official ANGOP news agency reported.

The raid, on Monday, was Rhodesia's deepest in black Africa and its first on Angola.

Salisbury said the raid was made on the main training

camp for the Zambian-based Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army ZIPRA of Patriotic Front alliance joint leader Joshua Nkomo.

The Rhodesian Canberra bombers flew about 1,000 kilometers from base.

ANGOP said this latest casualty toll was given to a government delegation and reporters who visited the area at Boma 30 kilometers from Luena, capi-

tal of the eastern Angolan province of Mexico.

Earlier a long communiqué issued by the political bureau of Angola's MPLA denouncing what it called the "cowardly and barbarous criminal aggression" had said over 160 people were killed and 500 were injured in the raid.

The MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) said 14 of the dead were Angolans, but provincial authorities later gave the figure for Angolan dead as five.

An Angolan armed forces statement quoted by ANGOP said the attack was carried out by five Mirage fighter bombers from the Rhodesian Air Force.

It said they followed the line of the Benguela Railway after violating Zambian air space and came in low over the camp after cutting their motors temporarily in an attempt to evade anti-aircraft fire.

The statement said Angolan defense batteries round the camp opened fire but did not know if any of the raiders was hit.

12th Duke offers Iona**Scots island up for sale**

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — The Scottish island of Iona, is up for sale.

It is being sold by the 12th Duke of Argyll to meet death duties and realtors think the price could be at least \$2 million.

The 2,500-acre island, 3½ miles by 1½ miles, lies in the Inner Hebrides in the Atlantic Ocean, a mile from the larger

island of Mull and 37 miles west of the port of Oban on the mainland. The parish includes a 3,000-acre estate across the channel in Mull, included in the deal.

Iona has a population of 90, living on farming, fishing and tourism. The 13th century cathedral is said to hold the remains of many Scottish, four Irish and eight Norwegian kings.

ANGOP said 60 unexploded bombs were still in the camp and visiting reporters said a school restaurant appeared to have been the building most badly hit.

The seriously wounded were airlifted to hospitals in Luanda

And the exodus of whites from embattled Rhodesia ebbed in January despite threats of an escalation in the six-year guerrilla war and uncertainty under a promised black-led government in April.

Travel agents say many whites unnerved by the mounting conflict or unwilling to live under limited black majority rule have already "taken the

chicken run" as emigration here is called.

Most of the remaining 230,000 whites are anxiously waiting to see what the future holds for them.

"The racists and the gutterless have mainly all taken off," one travel agent said. "The hard core, who are prepared to fight on and live under black rule, are adopting a wait and see attitude."

The net loss of whites in January was 1,073, the lowest since July last year when the country lost 1,111 settlers, according to official figures published by the Central Statistical Office Tuesday.

Rhodesia's white rulers adjourn final parliament

SALISBURY, Feb. 28 (R) — Rhodesia's white-dominated parliament, symbol to so many for so long of minority racial supremacy, officially died Wednesday aged 36.

The House of Assembly was due to adjourn Wednesday afternoon and 50 white and 16 black members were to leave to await the result of one-man, one-vote elections in April.

When parliament resumes after the polling among an estimated 90,000 white and three million black voters, the context of the House will be practically reversed with 72 blacks outnumbering 28 whites.

Only an emergency could bring the old white supremacists' parliament back to life before the election, such as drastic deterioration in the war between the bi-racial transitional government and the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance.

In 1961 black militants started civil rights disturbances aimed at securing majority rule for the country's 6.8 million blacks who now outnumber whites by 27-to-one.

The Senate, comprising 13 whites and 10 blacks, will continue for a few days to tidy up outstanding legislation.

The Rhodesian Front leader of the house, Jack Mussett, will make a short speech on the history of the Rhodesian parliament before the end, officials said.

Rhodesia, founded in 1890 with the arrival of the first British pioneers, formed its first parliament in 1923 when it became a self-governing colony.

The first few blacks were allowed into the House in 1962. The 1969 constitution drawn up by the Rhodesian Front Party of Premier Ian Smith increased the black representation to 16 seats.

The offer will add about one per cent to pay packages, rising to 12 per cent with incentive payments.

The norm for pay increase in state industry is around nine

per cent as part of an automation policy.

The miners were asking for up to 30 per cent more pay.

However, a negotiator forecast earnings will "go into orbit" next year as a result of the settlement. He said the increases, spread over a period, will be consolidated into basic rates thereby boosting overtime and other premia.

A coal-face worker now gets a basic \$156.88 a week.

The miners brought down the Conservative government in 1974 with a strike for more pay that caused a power shortage and put the country on a three-day working week.

Their leaders will decide tomorrow whether to put the Coal Board offer to their members in a poll, but even if they do they will probably recommend acceptance.

The development gives the government hope that with similar deals it can keep other powerful groups, like the railwaymen and electricity supply workers, in line on pay.

U.K. mine union leaders accept 9 per cent rise

STRIKE: Ancillary workers at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children went on a three-day strike over a wage claim Monday. Although there seems little hope of such public workers settling in the immediate future, leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers have voted to accept a pay offer of some nine per cent. AP photo)

U.K. mine union leaders accept 9 per cent rise

LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — The executive of the 258,000-member National Union of Mineworkers voted 15-10 Tuesday night to accept an offer from the state-run National Coal Board. The offer is worth \$145 million over 12 months from March 1.

The offer will add about one per cent to pay packages, rising to 12 per cent with incentive payments.

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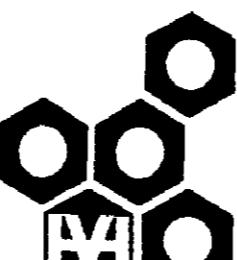
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Socialists tipped as runners-up in Spanish election

MADRID, Feb. 28 (R) — The campaign for Thursday's Spanish general election closed with opinion polls predicting that Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez's Democratic Center Union (UCD) will gain a narrow victory over the Socialists but not obtain an absolute majority in the Congress (lower house of parliament).

The elections are the first since Spain adopted a new democratic constitution last December and only the second free parliamentary polls since the 1936-39 Civil War.

Radio City Hall reprieved from demolition crew

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (R) — Radio City Music Hall, America's largest and most famous theater, will end its 47-year tradition of daily film and stage shows starring the Rockette dance troupe on April 2, but will remain open on a part-time basis, its owners have announced.

The 6,200-seat theater has long been threatened with closure and Tuesday's announcement meant that the building—considered a classic of the 1930's Art Deco design—will not be pulled down.

Alton Marshall, the music hall's chairman, said a new company would be formed to produce family-type entertainment and to keep the music hall open on a part-time basis. But he did not specify what kind of production would be created.

Radio City lost about \$2.4 million in 1978 and some \$1.4 million since 1969. Attendance dwindled from a high of five million in 1967 to two million in 1977.

Rockefeller Center, Radio City's owner, announced last April that the hall would close because of increasing financial losses.

But a complicated plan including financing by the state and Rockefeller Center kept the hall open for a year.

In his last televised campaign speech, Suarez appealed for a majority, saying the alternative was "a period of uncertainty, question marks and ambiguities."

Suarez needs 176 seats to control the 350-seat Congress — 10 more than the UCD won in the last elections in June 1977.

The prime minister delivered a broadside against the Socialists, accusing them of discrediting their Marxist origins and favoring abortion, a collectivist economy and state control of education.

Socialist leader Felipe Gonzalez, speaking immediately before Suarez, said only the Socialists were capable of tackling the country's main problem, unemployment, which affects over a million people.

The Socialists won 118 seats in the last elections but are expected to increase their tally Thursday. The third-placed party, according to opinion polls, is the Communist Party led by Santiago Carrillo.

Carrillo, closing his campaign before 20,000 people in a Madrid building, said the UCD and the PSOE were the same option. He called for a broad coalition government including the Communists.

As the campaign closed to allow voters a day of reflection Wednesday, riot police intervened to stop fights between rival party militants in Madrid and the northern city of Leon.

A steward was stabbed at a meeting in Madrid of the right-wing Democratic Coalition (CDS) party headed by former Franco-era minister Manuel Fraga Iribarne.

In Leon, neo-Fascists attacked a group of Socialist and five people were arrested.

But there was no serious outbreak of violence.

Police threw up road blocks around Madrid after reports that an army major had been kidnapped by a masked man. But the "kidnapper" turned out to be the major's son whom he was driving to a masked carnival dance.



New Orleans opens meager Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28 (AP) — One of the smallest crowds in years celebrated Mardi Gras in the French Quarter on Tuesday, as a 12-day-old police strike that stripped the holiday of its elaborate parades sent thousands of revelers to the suburbs.

While some held a mock jazz funeral for Mardi Gras in front of St. Louis Cathedral, National Guardsmen and state police, many of them seeing the holiday for the first time, patrolled the area in the absence of the striking city officers.

"I hereby declare Mardi Gras 1979 to be officially dead," shouted New Orleans Coroner Frank Minyard, stan-

ding atop a coffin labelled "Bad Spirits." "And I officially open Mardi Gras 1980 now."

It was a brush moment of carnival in the midst of the annual street party in the French Quarter.

The police strike has turned this into one of the emptiest of carnivals in the 261-year history of New Orleans.

It is also one laced with a lingering bitterness. Monday the City Council took out a full-page newspaper advertisement urging the policemen to hold a secret ballot on the continuation of the strike. The Police Association of Louisiana scoffed at the request.

Sect hijackers captured in mid-air fight

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28

(R) — Extremists of a mystic Indian sect who use self-immolation to attract world attention posed a new threat to air travellers Wednesday after they attempted to set the plane on fire halfway between Oslo and Stockholm.

Two women and man, identified as members of the Ananda Marga sect, were charged with hijacking late Tuesday night after they attempted to set the plane on fire halfway between Oslo and Stockholm.

Swedish police said the hijackers — a 42-year-old Brazilian woman, a West German woman of 22 and a 27-year-old Swedish man — were overpowered in a mid-air fight by Soviet security guards and passengers. The hijackers were not named.

The police said they were at first baffled by the apparent absence of a motive for the hijacking, but later it was assumed the three were trying to draw attention to the cult.

Member of the Ananda Marga (Path of Eternal Bliss) sect have been involved in a number of incidents around the world in recent years, including suicide by fire.

Police said the hijackers had attended a sect course in Norway and on the way to Stockholm had tried to set the aircraft ablaze by pouring petrol on the floor. The man was said to have attempted to throw a petrol bomb into the

Soviet plane over Stockholm

cockpit, but was overpowered.

carrying 34 passengers and crew, touched down.

The sect, which says it has five million members, was founded by Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar who was released from

jail in India last August following his acquittal of a murder conspiracy charge. He had spent seven years in prison.

Ananda Marga's roots are in Hinduism and the movement's beliefs include Yoga,

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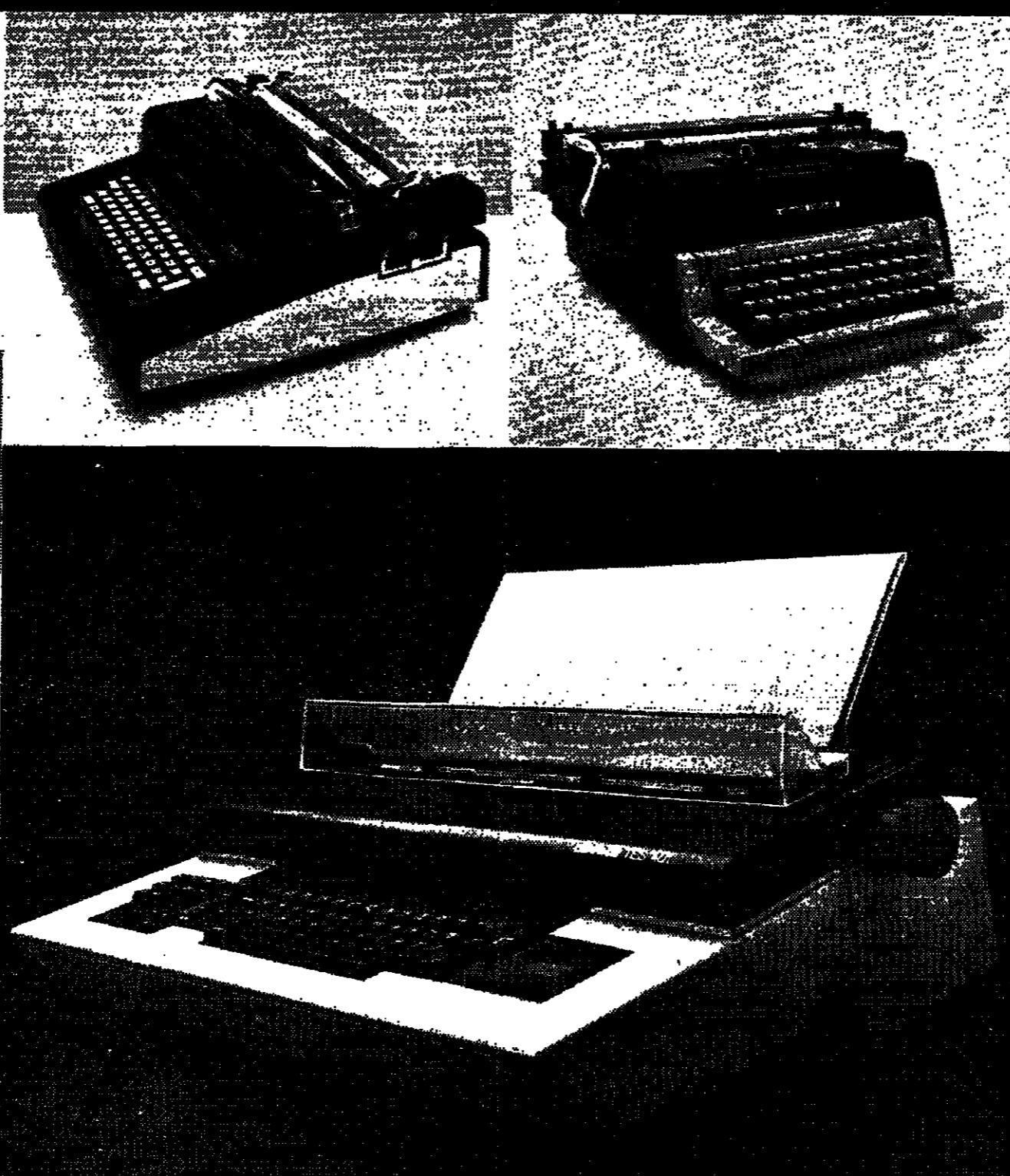
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A difficult task

North and South Yemen have wisely agreed to meet under Arab League auspices in Kuwait next Sunday but have not yet agreed to a ceasefire and withdrawal of troops. The fighting is thus still smouldering and more Yemenis are dying. As things stand South Yemeni forces which have penetrated deep into the North, must be the ones to pull back.

Between now and Sunday the war in Yemen is bound to take a turn for the worse as the North Yemeni forces regroup, receive more arms and mobilize their formidable tribal forces to halt the advance of the South Yemeni army.

With the war at present going against North Yemen, Sanaa is unlikely to agree to a ceasefire until it receives firm assurances from South Yemen through the Soviet Union and the United States that the South Yemeni forces will withdraw and repatriate all the prisoners of war and other hostages. The Saudi four-point plan presumably called for a ceasefire and withdrawal to take place at once because a negotiated settlement may take ages while South Yemeni troops remain entrenched inside North Yemeni territory.

The Arab League Council meeting in Kuwait can scarcely be expected to bring about a rapprochement between the two Yemens because of widely divergent political systems. The North is Islamic, conservative, and maintains very close relations with Saudi Arabia and the other states of the Gulf. It has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union and other eastern European countries but very little beyond the exchanges of embassies. Its armed forces once used Soviet-made weapons from warplanes to the Kalashnikov rifles. But the country has not been buying arms from communist countries since the end of the civil war.

In fact, since 1968, the Soviet Union has been paying greater attention to South Yemen which adopted a Marxist system of government — one party, a central committee, a politburo and a head of state who is also secretary-general of the omnipotent party—which is a clone of the Soviet Union. President Abdul Fatah Ismail is extremely enamored with Moscow.

Such differences in political systems will not be easy to bridge, and anybody trying to do so will be wasting their time. It is one of the cruel ironies of Arab life that the two Yemeni populations are really one people, divided by an ideology imposed from above.

This is not to discourage the mediators in Kuwait from trying to bring peace to the region by tackling the immediate causes of friction between the two Yemens. This was referred to here before and was thrown into relief by the Saudi peace plan. Each should agree not to harbor arabs and not to let loose dissidents to attack the other. Such border incursions have always soured the relations between the two countries and led to armed clashes. Indeed, the last decade has seen many such incursions in the wake of dissident raids.

North Yemen has nearly 350,000 refugees from the South. The South has a few thousand defectors from the North of whom the majority are ex-army officers and others who fled across the border because they did not see eye to eye with the government of Sanaa whose head has been the top army commander, at least since 1974. In July of that year the last civilian president of North Yemen, Qadhi Abdul Rahman Al-Iryani was ousted by a coup d'état and has been living in Syria ever since.

Without severe restrictions on travel, more South Yemenis would have crossed the border. But few now dare for fear of being shot on the spot.

The two Yemens would do well if they agree to co-exist in peace. It is understandable that they cannot unite as they have been saying they shall since the British left South Arabia and gave it back its independence. They are as far apart politically and ideologically as ever before with one beholden to the Soviet Union and the other identifying itself with the states of the Arabian Peninsula.

Constant friction will only continue to provide causes for war and lead to enormous waste of human and material resources of which neither has enough to squander. Besides, a war of the kind raging at present is sure to involve others nearby at first and from further afield later. The Arab world is already embroiled in Lebanon, trying to bring peace to an embattled land, with Israel doing its best to keep it that way as long as possible. It has the Palestinian issue and that of the occupied territories as well as the North African desert war.

It is just not fair to start another war anywhere in the Arab world. It cannot be helped, of course, if it is part of a grand design by a superpower. If this is the case, the Arab states of the Peninsula will not stand idly by.



"Navigate? He's still figuring out port and starboard."

Get rich quick--by arson

By William Scobie
SAN FRANCISCO —

San Francisco is being threatened by fire. This chilly city by the bay hasn't seen anything like it since the devastation that followed the great earthquake of 1906. But today the danger comes from arson.

"It's all part of the national arson epidemic," says Richard Steroth of the National Fire Prevention and Control Administration. "Arsonists are killing more than 1,000 Americans a year and doing \$2 billion-plus damage."

Walking through San Francisco's streets, you sometimes feel the city is being burnt down neighborhood by neighborhood. An empty lot marks the corner where the Garland Apartment building stood: 14 people died in that one. A blockbuster blaze on Market Street, the city's main thoroughfare, last month gutted six storefront buildings and halted traffic for hours.

The trouble is especially bad in the Castro area, the city's so-called "gay ghetto," where scores of businesses and bars are owned and used by homosexuals. No one knows why this neighborhood has been hit again and again, but the gays are mad: they're forming vigilante groups. The steely Tenderloin and industrial south-of-Market areas have also suffered heavily.

Fire Chief Andrew Casper says there is evidence that "white-collar" arson is growing in the city. "But most of the fires are set by people bent on private revenge, or who are simply nuts." Casper says arson has increased by 800 per cent in the past decade, taking dozens of lives, doing millions in damage.

San Francisco's woes are only a small part of the over-

all picture. "Arson is America's fastest-growing crime," said a Senate investigator recently.

From New Jersey — where 50

people have died in the past

two months in a wave of suspi-

cious fires — to Los Angeles,

the crime is rising at the

rate of 25 per cent a year.

In Glendale, a residential

suburb of LA, an explosion

and fire which police said was

set in retaliation against a mer-

chant who foiled a robbery at-

tempt, wiped out six businesses

this month. Damage was put

at \$250,000. It was LA's biggest

fire at this year.

Southern California, where it

rarely rains and the hills are

covered by tinder-dry brush, is

an arsonist's dream. A single

pyromaniac is believed responsi-

ble for setting 11 fires last

October in the hills above

wealthy, chic Malibu. More

than 200 houses were destroy-

ed, the homes of movie people

— Dimah Shore, Jack Lemon,

All McGraw and others — were

severely damaged, and total

damage was estimated at

\$50 million.

Many fires are set for insur-

ance money, and insurance in-

dustry officials describe their

tosses as "horrendous". From

the small businessman who

puts a match to his shop in

hope of escaping bankruptcy,

to the "professional torches"

working for organized crime,

Americans are making big

money from arson.

The poorest urban neighbor-

hoods are the worst hit. Slum

property can be converted into

fat insurance profits via a

swapping arrangement between

"silent" business partners.

They buy the building from

each other, back and forth,

bumping up the paper value.

They have a small fire, then

a larger one and take out

insurance vastly in excess of

the building's value.

Insurance industry executives

say that by such means a

budging worth \$5,000 can fetch

up to \$50,000.

"Shun landlords don't have

to pay a professional," says

one community worker. "They

just hand a few dollars to

some teenager in a black nei-

ghborhood — that's where the

slums, the drugs and the un-

employment are. The youngest

kids do most of it, because

legal penalties are less for

them."

The process is destroying

huge sections of largely black

"inner cities" across the na-

tion. It's the new form of sham

demolition, and some black

organizations see behind it

a deliberate attempt to drive out

poor black and Mexican-American

populations. "When we're

done," says a black social

worker, "the white will come

back in and start rebuilding."

This year, as a result of Se-

nate hearings into the arson

and law and order

problem, the FBI and Law

Enforcement Assistance Admini-

stration (LEAA) are organising

a blitz on firebigs.

The LEAA, which has been

handing out only one-tenth of

an annual \$2 billion in anti-

crime grant to fire control,

will increase aid. The FBI,

which has only now raised ar-

son to a "class one" crime,

along with murder and rape,

will redouble efforts against

arson for profit rings.

San Francisco's Chief Casper

welcomes that. Against

the legion of professional tor-

Dinner at Chequers or Sir Harold at Toad Hall

By Conor Cruise O'Brien

(Dr. O'Brien is a member of the Republic of Ireland Senate and a former minister of post and telegraph in the Irish government. He is now editor-in-chief of "The Observer" newspaper.)

LONDON: "As a historian, Conor, do you think... This promising opening hung in the air, or rather, in the smoke. Sir Harold Wilson — for he it was who thus apostrophized me — is a master of the prolonged pause, his pipe his instrument.

Flaunted and attentive, I wondered what historical conundrum I was to be invited to consider.

"Do you think that one who owes as much to history as I do — puff — owes something to history in return?"

I took in my breath as I gazed into the abyss of Sir Harold's conception of his personal relationship to history. Victor Hugo, on Napoleon III, wrote: "To the Horses of the Sun, you hitch your cab!"

The Horses of the Sun, for Hugo, were the great battles of Napoleon Bonaparte's First Empire. The equivalents in the twentieth century are the two world wars, one among the minor historical consequences of which was indeed the political emergence of Sir Harold Wilson. The problem about which he was consulting me was whether he should now offer to these apocalyptic beasts a handful of sugar — in the shape of another volume of his memoirs — in consideration of their exertions in conveying him safely to Chequers, the premier's country retreat, where our conversation took place.

When effrontery assumes cosmic proportions, one can only bow before it, as I now did. I muttered something to the effect that History did seem to deserve some kind of a tip, and we went in to dinner.

The occasion was a conference of socialist leaders. I was not really a socialist leader, but the actual Irish socialist leader of the day preferred walking his dogs along Wexford Pier on a fine Saturday afternoon, to going to listen to Sir Harold at Chequers.

Some of the other socialist leaders, that afternoon and evening, must have wished they had taken some form of the Wexford alternative.

It was a distinguished gathering: Willy Brandt was there, Bruno Kreisky, Olof Palme, Francois Mitterrand, everybody who was anybody in the Socialist International.

(Readers who feel nervous about name-dropping should wear a hard hat.)

It was a good dinner, in its own way. The distinguished guests, I rather imagine, thought they were going to have a general conversation, exchange views and so on. What we got, however, was an uninterrupted monologue from Sir Harold about Sir Harold for Sir Harold.

He told us about his debut in public affairs. Lord Wootton it seemed, had rung up the vice-chancellor of Oxford University to ask him for the name of the most brilliant of the recent graduates of that seat of learning.

"For some reason," said Sir Harold, "he gave him my name."

He spoke of his family. His father had been an unlettered man but he was a mathematical genius. He could extract, in his head, the cube-roots of ten-digit numbers. According to Sir Harold people came from all over Lancashire to witness this feat. "That particular form of genius," said Sir Harold, "skipped my generation. But my children have it!"

Sir Harold's boasting is easy, affable good-humoured, and incessant. As I listened to him, and watched him bemused (but still socialist) guests, I had to remind myself that the man had been the prime minister of Great Britain and — slightly to his embarrassment — Northern Ireland, and that his silent audience were among the leaders of Western Europe.

The Chinese in Vietnam : following a 2,000-year trail

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, Thailand — The Chinese attack into Vietnam may have been sparked by modern upheavals within the Communist camp, but Chinese invasions, occupations and general meddling in the affairs of its smaller neighbor go back 2,000 years.

In keeping with the Communist habit of blaming leaders rather than people, Hanoi continues to laud the friendship between the Chinese and Vietnamese and is recalling that not so long ago the two fought "shoulder-to-shoulder" against the French and Americans.

But at the same time, there are steady references to the "Great Han expansionists" — the Chinese dynasty that annexed the Vietnamese in 111 B.C. and ushered in 1,000 years of Chinese domination.

This year's 190th anniversary celebrations of the Vietnamese victory over the Chinese at the battle of Dong Da were appropriately highlighted. The battle, one of the proudest moments in Vietnamese military history, was described by Hanoi as "the military art of using a small army to crush a large one."

His phrase cropped up again after the Chinese invasion which began on Feb. 17., a day after Peking's superior forces poured across the frontier. Vietnam again recalled some history:

"Attacking Vietnam, the Chinese rulers are following the route left by 5th-century 'Great Han' feudal regimes in the past... the Vietnamese people in the past crushed the brutal aggressive armies of the southern Han, Sung, Yuan-Mongol, Ming and Manchu Tsing feudalists, and recently smashed the seasoned expeditionary corps of the imperialist aggressors."

Ho Chi Minh, the late father of Vietnamese Communism, received aid from Communist China in his war against the French in the early 1950s. He used Chinese sanctuaries and sent his troops across the same rugged frontier where the Chinese are now operating.

When Russia and China fell out, Ho tried to steer an even course, accepting help from both in the struggle against the U.S.-backed Saigon regime.

Some Indochina observers have detected notes of suspicion and a leaning in the direction of Moscow in the Indochina War years. The Soviets supplied the bulk of the weapons for Hanoi's 1972 offensive in South Vietnam and for its final victory just three years later.

After the war ended, relations between China and Vietnam began to deteriorate while those with Moscow were strengthened. Alleged Vietnamese persecution of ethnic Chinese in Vietnam, border disputes and the issue of Cambodia all contributed to the rupture.

The Sino-Vietnamese honeymoon was any way historically short-lived.

Vietnam's greatest folk heroes and heroines are those who rose up and fought the Chinese.

The Trung sisters rebelled in 43 A.D. to buy a short taste of freedom from China before defeat and suicide. Ngo Quyen is celebrated as the ruler who destroyed a fleet of Chinese war junks by impaling them with spikes set just below the water line.

Gen. Tran Hung Dao was an early practitioner of guerrilla warfare when he wore down and decimated a vast Mongol and Chinese army in the 13th century. And Nguyen Huu's exploit of marching his army 600 kilometers in 20 days to rout the Chinese at Dong Da is described with almost mystical reverence.

Even ancient legends tell of Vietnamese and Chinese enmity. One describes a Vietnamese king whose magic claw attached to his bow made him invincible in face of a Chinese attack. Typically, the rival Chinese monarch is described as a devious type who fished the claw and thus subdues the Vietnamese.

What if there's nothing up there at the top?
Where are the Captains that govern mankind?

The evening passed, Europe was bushed, and still Sir Harold boasted. Watching and listening, over the excellent Burgundy, I thought Sir Harold's appearance was beginning to change. Surely his nose had got fatter, his eyes popper, his person more dumpy.

I could hear a distant murmur of foliage, a pit-pat of little feet along a river-bank. The wind was in the willows. This was not Chequers but Toad Hall, and here was Mr. Toad himself, singing for his guests "the most conceited song that any animal ever composed."

"The world has held great Heroes

As history books have showed
But never a name to go down to fame
Compared with that of Toad!

The clever men at Oxford

Know all that there is to be known
But none of them know one half as much

As intelligent Mr. Toad!"

Sir Harold was supremely happy that evening, and some at least of his happiness seemed to spill over on his bewildered dinner-guests — the moles, rats and badgers of the Socialist International.

Sir Harold should not trouble himself about his place in history. In reality, Sir Harold has had his place in history. All that bothers him now is how he will look to future generations, in his niche in the Hall of Fame. That is his idea of a place in history.

He has got all this a bit wrong. There are two kinds of history, in the mnemonic sense of that word, the sense which preoccupies Sir Harold. The first is popular history, the history of song and story and major television features.

You do not get into that sort of history by having been prime minister umpteen times and then writing your memoirs. You get into it by being a hero, or a martyr, or a monster, or a royal courtesan. Nelson is there, Adolf Hitler, and Mrs. Langtry. Sir Harold is not there.

The second kind of (mnemonic) history is that of the history books written by "the clever men at Oxford..."

Sir Harold thinks he will somehow win that lot over with his memoirs. In the same way, certain African villagers believe that they can win the Sacred Crocodile round to their way of thinking by staking out a young goat. Reality remains otherwise. Crocodiles eat goats; historians eat memoirs. That is all. Goat and memoir eaten, crocodile and historian remain the cold, sulken, implacable creatures they were before.

The memoirs will be checked against all other relevant sources and in the case of conflict, other sources will be preferred.

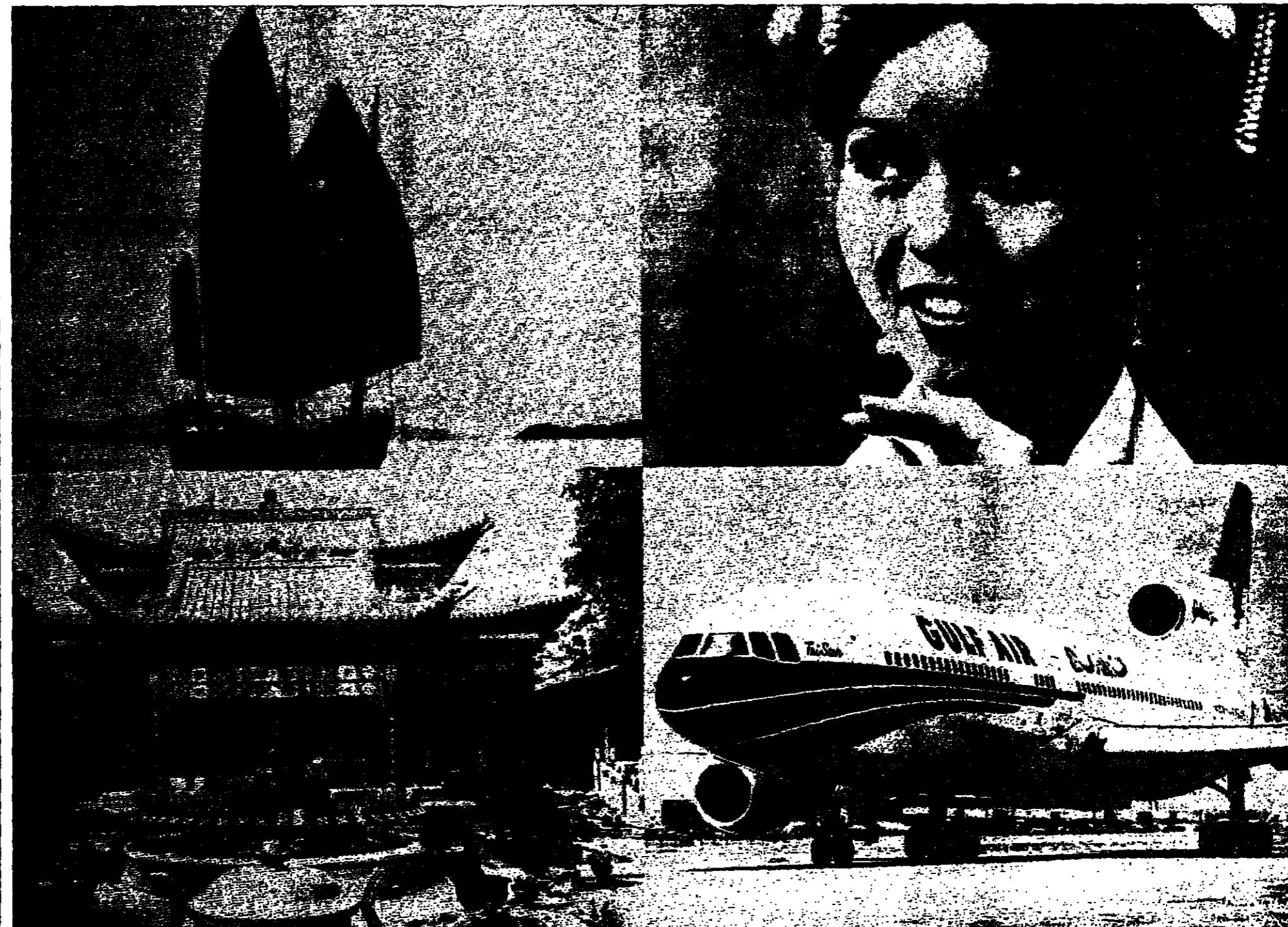
Sir Harold knows best what kind of historical comfort that process is likely to bring him. But he has had a splendid run for his money, and he has enjoyed himself hugely, God bless him! In the words of Georges Fourest's epitaph on a forgotten French poet:

"Your poor ambition only dreams of Glory
But God, more clement, gave you happiness." (OFNS)



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The magic of ages in the food of today

By Clare Kent

JEDDAH — Herbs have been ascribed with all sorts of magical properties in the past. Marjoram was supposed to "strengthen the stomach and head much," according to Nicholas Culpeper, an astrologer-physician of the seventeenth century. Another physician was convinced that smelling basil "bred a scorpion in his brain."

Nowadays herbs are valued for their fragrance and the flavor they impart in cooking. Modern diabetics have discovered that parsley contains a wealth of vitamins. The scent of mint is said to stimulate the appetite. And garlic is still said to be good for rheumatism.

Basil is an aromatic herb which grows well in hot climates. It is used a great deal in Spain, Italy, Portugal and the south of France. Use it chopped on lamb chops to give them a sweet, mildly pungent flavor. Add it to spaghetti sauces. Or sprinkle it over a tomato salad.

Marjoram is a popular, versatile herb that can be used sparingly with meat or fish dishes giving them a delicious, subtle flavor. Oregano, which is closely related and is sometimes called wild marjoram, goes particularly well with tomatoes in any form. Italians use it a great deal in their pasta and pizza dishes.

Mint is a very English herb. Around 14 different varieties grow in England. It is used mainly to flavor new potatoes and peas by putting it in the cooking water, and for mint sauce to accompany roast lamb. Try it in salads, soups and summer drinks.

Parsley is well-known and often used for garnishing. Use it finely chopped to enhance the flavor of soups, stews and salads. Parsley sauce is excellent with boiled or steamed fish.

Garlic is very pungent. It may be used to give just a hint of flavor to a salad or any other dish. But there are some dishes which get all their character from their strong garlicky flavor. Remember to crush it before using, and never cook it in oil or butter long enough for it to color, or you will have a bitter taste in your food.

Minted pea and cucumber soup

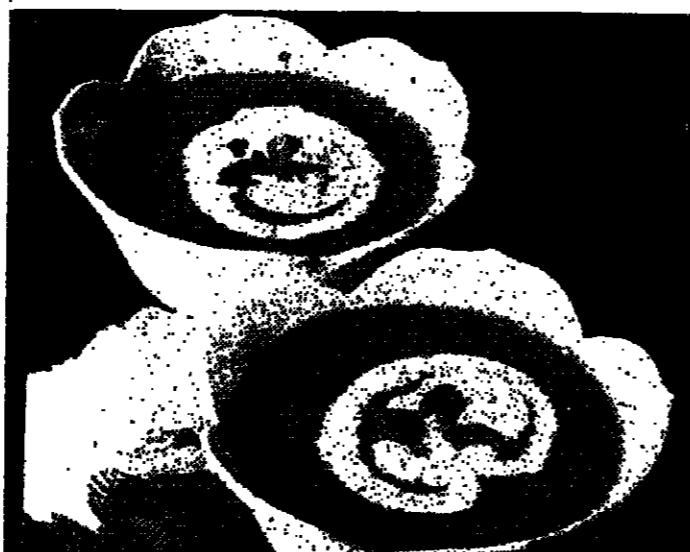
1 lg onion
1 small lettuce head
2 oz. butter
8 oz. peas
2 bsp. flour
1 pt. milk
1 tbsp. chopped fresh mint
1 pt. white stock or water
1 cucumber
Salt

Lemon juice
Peel and slice the onion. Shred and wash lettuce, then drain in a colander. Melt the butter in a pan and fry onion until transparent. Add the shredded lettuce, cover and sweat over low heat for a few minutes until bright green and juicy. Add the peas. Blend in sufficient flour to absorb the fat. Stir in the milk and bring to simmering point. Stirring steadily, add the mint and thin as required with the stock or water.

Grate the unpeeled cucumber and add. If serving the soup cold, reserve half the cucumber. Add salt to taste, cover and simmer gently for about 45 minutes. Put through mouli or sieve, or blend in a blender. Adjust the seasoning with salt and lemon juice. Garnish with fresh or soured cream and sprinkle with fresh mint. To serve cold, after sieving the soup, peel and grate in remaining half cucumber. Season well with salt and lemon juice and chill thoroughly. Pour into soup bowls, add cream and a sprig of mint.

Barbecued lamb Provençale

1 leg of lamb (6-7 lbs.)



A pea soup reaches its apogee with a sprig of mint, which the ancients said stimulated the appetite.

6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
6 tbsps. fresh breadcrumbs
6 tbsps. finely chopped parsley
6 lbs. softened butter
Juice of one lemon
Salt and black pepper

Make a smooth paste of garlic, parsley, fresh breadcrumbs, butter and lemon juice, and season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Wipe lamb with a damp cloth and spread with this paste, pressing it well in so seasonings do not fall off during cooking. Allow the flavor to penetrate for at least one hour. Start fire at least one hour before cooking time to have a bed of ash-gray coals to cook over. Balance lamb on the spit, inserting the spit in line with the bone so it can rotate freely and easily. Roast for 1½-2 hours for a pink and juicy leg of lamb, longer if you like it less rare. Allow the meat to rest on the spit for ten minutes to retain juices before removing spit.

This leg of lamb may be roasted on a rack in a roasting pan in a slow oven (325-350 F.) for 15 to 20 minutes per pound. The provencal dressing will give the same wonderful flavor. Serves 6-8.

Courgettes en salade

8 courgette (4 ins. long)
1 Spanish onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
Well-flavored French dressing
Lettuce
4 tomatoes, peeled and finely chopped
½ small green pepper, finely chopped
1 Spanish onion, finely chopped
1 tbsp. capers, finely chopped
1 tbsp. each finely chopped parsley and basil
Salt and black pepper

Simmer courgettes, unpeeled, in salted water for about eight minutes. Cut them in half lengthwise, and carefully scoop out seeds. Lay courgettes, cut sides up, in a flat dish. Combine finely chopped onion and garlic and cover courgettes with this mixture. Sprinkle half the French dressing over them. Cover with foil and allow to marinate in this mixture in the refrigerator for at least four hours.

When ready to serve, remove onion and garlic mixture and drain off marinade.

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A potpourri of events and activities from around the Kingdom

JEDDAH

"Pakistan Day," at the Women's Welfare Society headquarters on Mecca Road. At 6 p.m. Tickets, SR 50 available from the Pakistan Embassy.

Saturday, March 3

Saudi Arabian Natural History Society meeting. Thomas E. Van der Veer, principal planner of Saudi Arabian Parsons Ltd., will give a talk with slides on "Yanbu Industrial Complex: Background Current Status and the Future." At the USGS compound just off Medina Road (down) near Spinners Restaurant. At 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 4

Coffee morning for women of Australian nationality. At the Australian Ambassador's new residence. 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 5

British Community Wives' Association meeting. Jean Hatton, a Scottish model, will be exhibiting Scottish fashion and jewelry. At the British Ambassador's residence. 4:30 p.m.

Danish women's tea. At the Danish Ambassador's residence. 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting. At the USGS compound. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Garden Club meeting. At the home of Mrs. Jo Adams, Lockheed Compound next to the Sands Hotel. At 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Wednesday, March 7

Tuesday, March 6 — Thursday, March 8: Auditions for "Cabaret," the annual joint musical production by SET and the Jeddah Players. The production will be directed by Albert Dempster. Production scheduled for May. At the Players Playhouse. 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7:

Jeddah Concert Committee presents Ronald Woodcock of Sydney, Australia in a violin recital accompanied by Carole Hafner on the piano. At the British Ambassador's residence. 8:30 p.m. Tickets, SR 20.

RIYADH

Thursday March 1 — Friday March 2: Display of oriental carpets at the Intercontinental Hotel Open to the public. 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Amy Wang will conduct morning and evening classes in Chinese cooking starting March 1. Call Mrs. Chata at 2188.

Saturday March 3

Classes in batik at IcCorp Compound behind the Marriott Hotel. SR 125 for course of four lessons. All supplies included. Morning classes, March 3, 5, 10 and 12, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Evening classes: March 4, 6, 11 and 13, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

DHAHRAN

Thursday, March 1: Last day to enter the Eastern Province League Tennis Tournament. Call Neil Perkins 70246 with entry enquiries.

Friday, March 2

Al-Khobar Tennis Tournament. Ladies semi-finals 10:30 a.m. Mens semi-finals 11:45 a.m. Ladies finals 2:15 p.m. Men's finals 3:30 p.m. All matches to be held on the Lower Courts near the running track at the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

bush-like appearance with woody stems, likes sun and drained soil.

Thyme does best in a light well-drained soil and looks good in rockery. Sunlight brings out the flavor.

Parsley should be sown from October to March in a fairly moist soil. Sow thinly. Germination is often slow. Give the plants plenty of water.

Rosemary likes sun and dry soil with some lime in it.

Basil is a perennial in native India. It grows up to one meter tall and has a strong, spicy aroma. The leaves can be used in fresh or dried arrangements in the house. Make sure the seed pods and flowers are free of bugs. Basil, incidentally, is said to discourage house flies.

Garlic is made up of strongly flavored bulbs, each of which has ten or more sections called cloves. Plant the clove five centimeters deep. Garlic can be grown in a sunny location.

To dry and store the herbs, cut early in the morning. Use a very sharp knife or scissor and handle the leaves very gently. Take no more than a third of the growth on evergreen perennials.

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Oregano can be snipped off and put directly into the soil. It has yellow-green leaves, a

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*In Memphis***Connors glides on in indoor tourney**

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Wimbledon purses rise

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 28 (AP) — Defending champion Jimmy Connors easily defeated Tomaz Tismid, 6-4, 6-3, and Peter Fleming scored a mid upset over Hungary's Balazs Taroczy, the 11th seed, 7-5, 6-1.

The 20-year-old Krieg was impressive through the first few games, hitting with pace and controlling games at the net, but could not maintain his timing against the more experienced Gerulaitis.

Bjorn Borg, who earned 19,000 pounds (\$38,000) for winning the men's singles for the third consecutive time in 1978, will receive 20,000 pounds (\$40,000) if he makes a four in a row.

The women's champion will receive 18,000 pounds (\$36,000), 900 pounds (\$1,800) more than Martina Navratilova earned last year.

Officials said Wimbledon had come to an agreement with organizers of the other Grand Slam tournaments — the United States, French and Australian Opens — not to lift prize money more than 10 percent.

Martina conquers nerves

In Dallas Tuesday night, top-seeded Martina Navratilova settled down after a shaky start and went on to defeat Betsy Nagelsen, 7-5, 6-0 in the feature match of the second day's action in a \$200,000 tennis tournament at the Moody Coliseum.

Navratilova, whose 84-year-old grandmother came from Czechoslovakia to see the tournament, admitted her nerves were shaky.

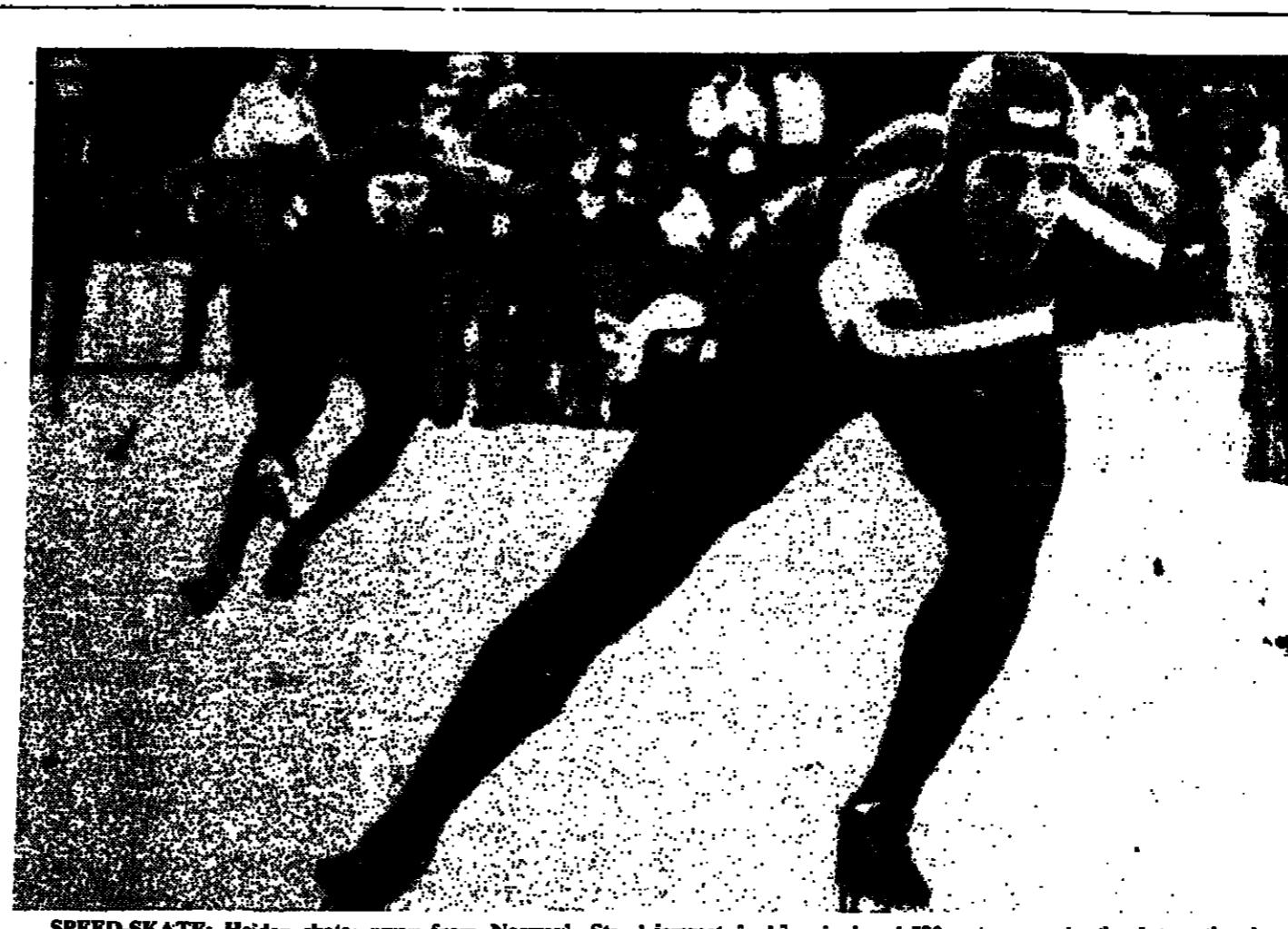
"But I settled down after that first set and I was all right. I think my heart was beating 200 a minute when I went to the court," said the top money-winner of the tennis year.

Also advancing into Wednesday's third round were veteran Virginia Wade, who beat Lea Antonoplos, 6-2, 6-7; Rosalie Casals, a 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 winner over Renee Richards, and old-timer Francois Durr, who turned back 19-year-old Anne Smith of Dallas, 6-4, 6-3.

Casals, showing the effects of a recent knee operation, appeared handicapped but said afterward, "Running doesn't bother me. It's the walking part of the game."

Saudi side crashes

MADRID, Feb. 28 (R) — Spanish Second Division club Real Madrid-Castilla beat a Saudi national side, 7-0, here Tuesday in a friendly soccer match before a crowd of 1,000. At half-time the Saudis led, 2-0.



SPEED-SKATE: Heiden skates away from Norway's Stenseth in his winning 1,500-meter race in the International World Cup Speed-skating Tournament at Alkmaar last weekend.

Speed-skating's Eric Heiden**No candy bars for America's obscurest star**

By Mike O'Brien
ACKMAAR, Netherlands, Feb. 28 (AP) — If Eric Heiden were the world's best male athlete in a sport other than speed-skating, he would have an agent, a million-dollar contract and perhaps even a candy bar named for him.

But if the obscurity of speed skating in the American sports world upsets Heiden, he didn't show it Sunday as he competed in the World Cup Speed Skating tournament here.

Only 20, Heiden is secure in the knowledge that he is the best in the world at what he does, and has unprecedented successive world championship to prove it. He has won men's all-around junior men's and sprints in the last two years.

Sunday, he defeated Norwegian Kay Anne Stenseth in the 1,500-meters title in the all-around.

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Rain forces Test draw

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb. 28 (AP) — Rain on the last day of the third and final Test between Pakistan and New Zealand made a draw inevitable with the tourists going to the tourists.

Only 118 minutes of play were managed and during this time New Zealand in its second innings took its overnight score of 231 for 5 to 281 for 8 when Burgess declared.

Pakistan faced just six balls in their second innings, Talbot Ali hit two of them for fours and then the rain swept in and that was the series over.

Pakistan who won the first Test in Christchurch earlier in the month thus took the series, 1-0, with two drawn.

At the end of the match the New Zealand national coach, Martin Horton, named Wasim Bari as the fieldsmen of the match, Zaheer Abbas as the batsman and Richard Hadlee as the bowler.

Score board
New Zealand first innings 254
second innings

Wright b Sarfraz 10
Edgar b Imran 0

Howarth c Raja b Sikander 38

Burgess c Asif b Sarfraz 71
Reid c Majid b Mushtaq 19

Coney c Mushtaq b Imran 49

Lee not out 45

Cairns b Sarfraz 4

Hadlee c Talha b Sarfraz 5

Extras (8b, 13lb, 18nb, 1w) 40

Total for eight wickets declared 281

Fall: 1, 52, 85, 131, 205, 261,
275, 281.

Bowling: Imran, 32-9-72-2;
Sarfraz, 28-2-9-61-4;

Sikander, 18-2-64-1; Mushtaq, 11-2-39-1; Asif, 2-0-5-0.

Pakistan: First innings 359
second innings

Talant not out 8

Miandad not out 0

Extras 0

Total for no wickets 8

Bowling: Hadlee, 0-6-0-8-0.

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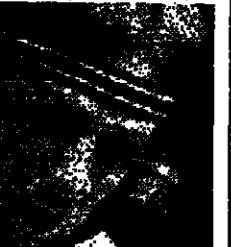
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English soccer
LONDON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Results of English League soccer matches Tuesday night:

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Man. C 2 Norwich 2
Division Three
Bury 1 Thame 0
Colchester 2 Walsall 0
Plymouth 4 Exeter 2
Swansea 2 Chester 2
Division Four
Darkton 2 Halifax 1
Doncaster 0 Huddersfield 2
Grimsby 2 Crewe 2
Newport 2 Bradford 4

Sugar price adjustment bills called for in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP) — Congressmen, farmers and processors from key sugar states have urged passage of bills they said would add at least 23 cents per person to American consumers' sugar bills this year but save them from a foreign sugar cartel later.

The domestic sugar industry will collapse without higher prices to meet higher expenses, they told the House Agriculture Committee as it opened hearings on the bills Tuesday.

The extra cost to consumers that they conceded would be followed this fall by another that few supporters mentioned, for a total increase of \$1.02.

Prices for all raw sugar in the United States are geared

per person a year from now. Leading sugar refiners, meanwhile, said the hike in sugar prices would be just the beginning.

"It would unleash catastrophic inflation in food prices, an impossible price to pay for the wrong answer in aiding these farmers," I.H. Kempner III of Sugar Land, Texas, chairman of the U.S. Cane Sugar Refiners' Association, said in a statement.

Congress and President Jimmy Carter in the last 18 months have raised raw sugar prices three times, sparking hikes totalling almost 17 cents in the average price of a five-pound bag of refined sugar.

Prices for all raw sugar in the United States are geared

to the price of foreign sugar after import fees and duties are paid. About 45 per cent of U.S. sugar supplies are imported.

The government keeps them up by adding enough duties to the world price of about 8 cents to hold the U.S. price at 15 cents a pound. Increases have been passed on totally to consumers, government price statistics show.

Rep. Thomas Foley, (D.-Wash.), and Al Ullman, (D.-Ore.), chairman of the two committees handling the legislation, have proposed a new hike of a quarter-cent per pound now and about 0.85 of a cent more later in the year.

Carter is expected to propose no change in prices until late this year, recommending an increase of eight-tenths of a cent — the most expensive of three choices presented by his advisers.

Economists say they can't calculate the impact on the prices of soft drinks, baked goods, candy, cereals and other products, the source of 80 per cent of the 92.7 pounds of sugar consumed each year by the average American.

Without the proposed hikes, "we might save our consumers a penny or two," testified Rep. Bob Traxler, (D.-Mich.), "but within a period of a few years we would certainly become the captive consumers of foreign sugar. Without a domestic industry to provide us with supplies we need, we will have to pay whatever prices these world producers charge."

The central bank in future will settle payments for these commodities, the ministry said.

Turkey links world peace to fairer economic order

ANKARA, Feb. 28 (R) — Turkish President Fahri Korukurt has said a more just and equitable economic order was required to bring about international stability.

In his belated annual New Year's speech to the diplomatic corps Tuesday, the president said world peace and economic development were indivisible. "There can be no stability without economic security." Efforts in the fields of defense and disarmament would be insufficient in bringing about a stable international order unless a more just and equitable economic order is secured in the world," he said.

"Otherwise, the socio-political structures considered to be powerful might eventually col-

lapse under the weight and pressure of the socio-economic structures, if the latter were to crumble," the president added.

In a separate development, the Turkish Finance Ministry announced Wednesday that the central bank has asked all private banks to turn over half their foreign currency deposits as a way to help the country meet payments for crucial imports.

Until now private banks turned over only a quarter of their foreign currency incomes and paid for oil, fertilizer and pharmaceutical imports with what supplies we need, we will have to pay whatever prices these world producers charge."

Dollar edges against yen

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (AP) — The dollar, in moderate trading Wednesday on the Tokyo foreign exchange, regained its losses against the Japanese yen, closing at 202.375, yen, up from Tuesday's close of 202.025 yen.

Dealers said the Bank of Japan, which intervened Tuesday to prop up the yen, apparently stayed out of the market Wednesday.

They said the dollar was apparently buoyed by a spurt of demand by trading firms for import settlements.

Dealers also said the dollar was pushed up by foreign banks, which sold the U.S. currency in the morning but bought them back later.

Wheat council to revive talks on new world pact

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — The International Wheat Council will meet next month in London in an attempt to revive stalled talks to reach a new world wheat agreement, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland has said.

Bergland told a meeting of state governors here Tuesday that talks on an international wheat agreement in Geneva earlier this month failed because of disagreement on the size of a proposed wheat reserve.

Under the proposal, world wheat prices would be stabilized through stocks held by individual states. There was also no agreement on the price levels which would trigger wheat purchases or sales from the reserve.

If the London talks did not prove promising for new negotiations, then the United States would seek to join the other big wheat exporting nations of Canada, Australia and Argentina in a cooperative arrangement, Bergland said.



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U.S. copper proposal stirs little interest

GENEVA, Feb. 28 (R) — The United States has outlined a plan to stabilize copper prices based on a buffer stock of at least one million tons of the metal, but the idea drew a cool response from Australia and Canada, two leading producers.

U.S. delegate Richard Ogden Tuesday presented the proposal to a 40-nation meeting attended by leading copper mining and consuming countries.

Peru, another leading exporter, welcomed the move as "a welcome contribution."

Canada said such a stabilization pact was inappropriate and the scheme could be disastrous. Australian delegate Michael Montefiore said there were "several areas of uncertainty" in the American proposal.

The proposed buffer scheme would aim to keep copper prices within agreed levels by buying metal for the stockpile when prices fall and releasing it when prices go up.

The week-long meeting is the 14th in a series over nearly three years aimed at trying to stabilize the market. It is being held under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, (UNCTAD).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Wednesday	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	6.80	6.80	6.82
Deutsche Mark	1.82	182.50	183.00
Swiss F	2.01	203.00	203.25
French F	0.79	79.25	79.00
Italian Lira (1000)	0.40	4.05	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.50	107.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	79.75	86.65
Egyptian Pound	—	4.53	4.82
Kuwait Dinar	—	12.30	12.28
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.35	11.35
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.72
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	80.00	88.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.30
Gold kg	—	27,200	—
10 Tolar bar	—	3,210	700
Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.66	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.81	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—
Irish Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah.

Holland can't stop firms adhering to boycott, says aide

THE HAGUE, Feb. 28 (R) — The Dutch government has limited scope for preventing firms observing the Arab Trade Boycott of Israel. Economic Affairs State Secretary Karel Beyen has said.

"Economic measures taken by one country against another with which it says it is at war are something which a third country must accept, even if it is unwilling to do so," he said in an interview Tuesday.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told visiting Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van der Klaauw in Tel Aviv Monday that Holland should take positive action to stop adherence to the boycott, according to press reports here.

Beyen has special responsibility for exports promotion and made a two-week tour of Arab Gulf states in this capacity.

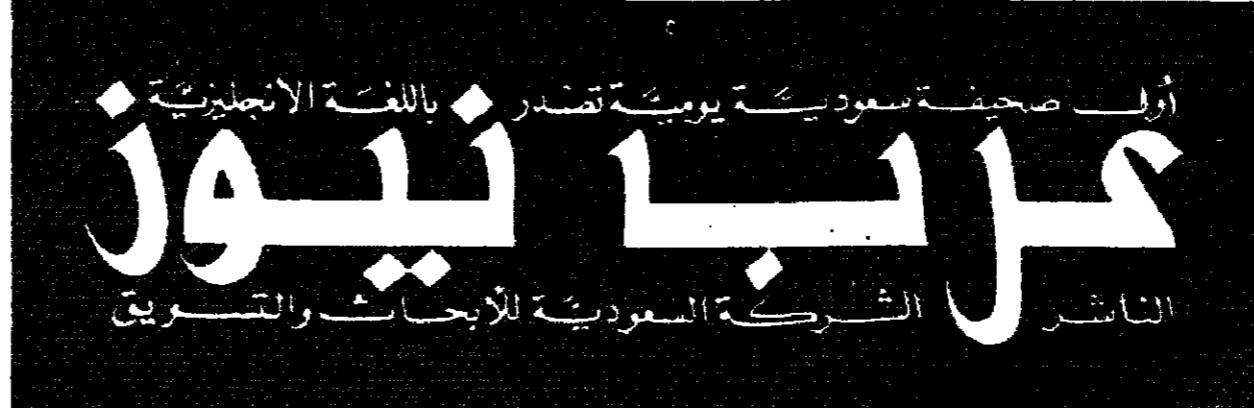
He said the Dutch government had never given even tacit backing to the boycott, but its scope for action was limited because it was not clear how far the Arab countries' policy contravened Holland's legislation.

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International

Hanoi war may escalate; Kremlin warns Chinese

MOSCOW, Feb. 28 (R) — The Soviet Union Wednesday warned for the first time that the fighting in Indochina might spread into a wider conflict and demanded an immediate Chinese withdrawal from Vietnam.

The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda," in an article signed "I. Alexandrov" — believed a pseudonym for a high-party official — compared Peking's invasion of Vietnam with military action taken by Germany, Japan and Italy which led to World War II.

But "Pravda" gave no new sign of what the Kremlin might do if the Chinese failed to withdraw, apart from repeating pledges that the Soviet Union would fulfil its commitments under a Friendship Treaty signed with Hanoi last year.

U.S., Chinese formally exchange envoys today

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (R) — China and the United States formally exchange ambassadors Thursday, completing their normalization of relations — although not in an atmosphere of total diplomatic harmony.

Differences have developed between Peking and Washington over the fighting in Vietnam but they are not expected to mar the ceremonies.

Chinese envoy Chai Tse-tsin, who has held the title and unofficial rank of ambassador since he arrived to head the Chinese liaison office last year, will now officially become Peking's ambassador in Washington.

Former union leader Leonard Woodcock, who held a similar position in Peking, will stay on in Peking as United States ambassador. His nomination to the post was overwhelmingly endorsed by the Senate Monday.

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A fresh statement of the Soviet position on the conflict is expected on Friday when President Leonid Brezhnev, back in the capital after a winter break of four weeks, is due to speak to Moscow voters.

And Vietnam too, Wednesday demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Chinese troops from its territory, as fighting appeared to be raging in the first major battle in the 12 days of war.

The official radio Hanoi said the war had been started unilaterally by the Chinese so "it is they who must stop it."

"The Peking authorities must stop withdraw all too late [and] withdraw all aggressive troops occupying Vietnamese territory immediately, totally and unconditionally," it said in for the defense of Lang Son town.

The town, which had a population of 46,000 before the Vietnamese were forced to evacuate it after the Chinese assault, is strategically placed at a road and railway junction about 135 kilometers north of Hanoi.

Informants sources in Bangkok said that battle now appeared to be joined for the town.

China Tuesday reported that Vietnamese troops had launched attacks into the Chinese border provinces of Yunnan and Guangxi, but had been repulsed.

The New China News Agency said 68 Vietnamese were killed in three days of fighting around the Ning Ming area of Guangxi, north east of the Friendship Pass.

ties with Taiwan.

But the two sides are at odds over China's attack on Vietnam with American opposition directly stated in Peking during the past few days by Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal.

The United States has been a driving force behind efforts at the United Nations to produce a Security Council resolution calling for China to withdraw from Vietnam and for the Vietnamese to pull back groups sent into Cambodia.

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Tribesmen

His men are expected to take possession of mountain-tops in the border area to help protect the twin capital of Taiz, the major town of Ebb, and the country's only large port, Hodeidah on the Red Sea coast.

A South Yemeni capture of Hodeidah, military analysts here believe, would keep North Yemen from receiving any seaborne resupply.

Analysis noted that the tribes of North Yemen have always formed the country's second line of defense against invaders.

They said that it is impossible to subdue North Yemen without first defeating the tribes, and that is a very difficult task. Neither aircraft nor tanks can make much of a difference in the rugged mountain country, the analysis noted.

The military observers noted that North Yemen's tribesmen would be an even more effective fighting force if they had larger supplies of hand-missiles and landmines.

Attempts to flush them out of caves and other hideouts are almost impossible, they said, because the tribal country is so rough that not even four-wheel-drive vehicles are much help.

Scotland, Wales vote today on home rule

EDINBURGH, Feb. 28 (R) — Scotland and Wales vote Thursday in home rule referendums that could mark the most important constitutional changes in Britain for centuries.

The two countries are being offered the chance of setting up their own assemblies to take over the running of most local affairs from Parliament in London.

Latest opinion polls show that in Scotland, where Nationalists have campaigned for years for complete independence, a slim majority will vote in favor of the limited home rule package. But Wales is expected to say "no."

Critics claim it would lead to federalism in Britain and could eventually provoke the

Government may fall on result

complete break-up of the United Kingdom.

The results may also pose immediate dangers for the minority Labor government. The issue has deeply divided political parties, but the campaign has failed to excite many ordinary voters in either Scotland or Wales. The turn-

out will be crucial.

Opponents of the scheme in Parliament altered the legislation, forcing amendments which stipulate that at least 40 per cent of the Scottish electorate — 1.5 million people — must vote "yes" to have an assembly.

Many politicians predict

that although the "yes" votes may be in the majority, they are unlikely to total 1.5 million.

Prime Minister James Callaghan has indicated he would then consider asking Parliament to scrap the 40 per cent hurdle and give Scotland an assembly.

This would set off a storm

of protest from the Conserva-

tive opposition and some of

Callaghan's own supporters

who are against the scheme,

and force a vote of confiden-

ce in Parliament.

The dilemma for the prime minister is that if he does not pursue his backing for a Scotti-

sh assembly, he may lose the

cooperation of the 11 Scottish

National Party members who

have helped to keep his em-
battled government in power.

Army

Arafat was the first foreign leader to visit Iran after the Khomeini's successful toppling of the Shah.

Jordan's minister of state for foreign affairs, Hassan Ibrahim, arrived in Sanaa Wednesday on a mission described as part of an Arab effort to end the fighting. He later left for South Yemen.

Lebanon Wednesday joined other Arab States in appealing to North and South Yemen to cease fire immediately and end the fighting. He later left for South Yemen.

In Aden, the government

warned all powers against inter-

fering in the struggle.

Various Arab governments

have expressed concern about the situation along the Yemeni border and called for an immediate cease-fire.

At the same time two spe-

cial envoys from Syria and Iraq, Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Jamil Shita and Iraq's Planning Minister Adnan Han-

sein, also embarked on a mis-

sion.

"Our mission is to mediate and stop the fighting and unify Arab efforts to confront the imperialist and Zionist schemes," Shita told newsmen at Baghdad airport Wednesday before the team's departure.

A statement by the North

Yemen Foreign Ministry

broadcast by Sanaa Radio later

Wednesday, declared that "the

unity of the two Yemenis is

the only way to solve the prob-

lems between the two coun-

tries."

Iran

Meanwhile in Washington, the State Department said Tuesday Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has met for the first time a representative of Khomeini.

A spokesman said Vance saw Shahryar Rouhani at the State Department Tuesday.



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Good Morning
The majesty of the Law

By Jihad Al-Khazen

A Lebanese colleague of mine visiting London was involved in a minor car accident. He ended up in court. Despite his familiarity, as a Lebanese journalist, with the wrong end of the law, he admitted that he learned one valuable lesson from his experience: awe of the law is much more important than the law itself.

Standing before judges in robes and white wigs and surrounded by court officials with their gloomy faces scared him stiff.

As the senior editor of a Lebanese paper, he used to stand trial at least once a month. Recently it became once a week. The charges were always the same sort of thing: photographing restricted areas, disclosing military secrets, damaging the morale of the army, slander, and so on.

And every time he escaped with the lightest possible penalty. It never exceeded a fine of £1,000 (\$325), or in the most extreme cases, two months in prison later reduced to a £2,000 fine.

He always knew beforehand that the judges would be merciful, as each one belonged to this faction or that faction, which either needed the sympathy of the press or feared its enemies.

He told me that when the civil war broke out, and trials were suspended, he simply started running up offenses that would await their resumption. The least of his transgressions was punishable by imprisonment, but for the sake of sensationalism in his paper he took no account of the mounting debt balance against him and printed whatever he wanted.

And now an insignificant accident in London, a bump no Lebanese would think twice about, involves him in blood tests, alcohol tests, police, the court, witnesses, and judges.

He was made to promise, in writing, never to do again, although he never quite found out exactly what "it" was.

He could not help asking himself whether, if the law in Lebanon had been so awe-inspiring as to the point of

Lebanese would have come to their present pass.

Perhaps, he thought, the success of the Shari'a in fighting crime lay not in its cutting off of hands and heads as much as in the fear it inspires of such things happening.

Translated from Asharq Al-Awsat.

Archeologist claims find of pre-Pharaonic kings

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP) — A University of Chicago researcher says he has found what may be the first archeological evidence of kings in the Nile Valley, predating the first Pharaohs of Egypt by several hundred years.

Bruce Williams of the University's Oriental Institute said Tuesday that if his findings are confirmed they will considerably change understanding of society and culture in predynastic Egypt.

Williams said he made his find while working last year in the institute's basement with shattered remains of ancient tombs from a cemetery in Quesnay on the Nile, at the present-

day boundary of Egypt and Sudan, a region known as Nubia.

The cemetery, dating from between 3400 and 3050 B.C., was excavated 15 years ago by Keith Seele, another University of Chicago professor.

Williams said the inhabitants of Nubia at that time were believed to have been organized in tribes or districts.

"But it now appears that area had a well-organized social system based by far about 200 to 300 years earlier than the first Pharaohs, whom we know of directly from 3050 B.C.," said Williams.

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